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A WAR ON CIGARETTES

IT WILL BE WAGED BY A NEW LEAGUE JUST ORGANIZED.

The first meeting held at Roberts Park Church—Objects of the Organization.

A crusade against cigarettes was launched at Roberts Park Church yesterday afternoon. The organization is known as the Anti-Cigarette League, and its purpose is to get boys to sign a pledge to refrain from using tobacco in any form until they are twenty-one years old. The pledge reads: "I do hereby pledge myself, upon honor, to abstain from smoking or using tobacco in any form, at least until I reach the age of twenty-one years, and to use my influence to induce others to do the same."

At a recent meeting of the Epworth League of the city it was decided to organize an anti-cigarette league, and yesterday's meeting is the result of the scheme. Miss Flora Miller was appointed to superintend the organization and had charge of the meeting. The names of nineteen boys and youths were enrolled and they all signed pledges. Attached to the card are coupons for the signatures of parents or guardians. The membership is not to be confined to Roberts Park Church nor the Epworth League, but is to be extended wherever there is an opportunity. While the paramount objective of the league is to abstain from the use of tobacco, it will also act in the capacity of a committee to see that the cigarette laws are enforced. Each member is to keep a lookout for violations of this kind.

It is believed by those at the head of the organization that much good can be accomplished by the league. It is the intention to get parents interested in the movement as well as the boys and thus build up an extensive and strong organization. An emblematic pin goes with the membership, which bears the monogram of the league. The league is offered by boys, and the following is a list of the officers who head the new organization: President, Harry Robinson; vice president, James L. Nimal; secretary, Fred Dick; treasurer, Charles Walker. The officers are all over fifteen years of age.

Another meeting of the league will be held next Sunday afternoon at the church.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Miss Jessie Eckhouse has issued invitations for a card party next Friday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Sadie Freiberg, of Cincinnati.

Before the Century Club to-morrow evening there will be a story by Mr. Lockwood and a paper, "The Possibility of a World Federation," by William A. Pickens.

Dr. and Mrs. B. Ward gave a dinner Saturday evening. The guests were Senator and Mrs. C. B. Binkley, of Richmond; Dr. George W. Hall, of Cincinnati; and Dr. and Mrs. Bacon.

Mr. George W. Black entertained at dinner last evening at the Grand Hotel in honor of his son's wedding to Miss Agnes Herd, which occurs to-morrow noon, at Christ Church. The guests included Mr. Frank Morris Black, Miss Agnes Herd, Miss Alice Hill and Mr. Leonard Parks, of Cleveland, who is here to attend the wedding.

A new Bill Plaster for Miss at Wulshen's.

THE SUPPLY OF GAS

COMPLETE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE.

It Was Appointed on Sept. 17, 1930, by Resolution of Councilman Moriarity.

INFORMATION IN THE REPORT

COMMITTEE FINDS CONSUMERS' COMPANY IS DOING ITS BEST.

Company's Books Show that All Debts Have Not Been Liquidated—Report to Council To-Night.

The special committee of the City Council, consisting of Councilmen Keller, Billingsley, Munro, Moriarity and Perrott, appointed on Sept. 17, 1930, to investigate the Consumers' Gas Trust Company, will make its report to the regular meeting of the Council to-night. For over five months the committee has been at work on the investigation, holding many meetings during that time. It also made trips into the gas fields and to the pumping stations of the Consumers' Company. The members of the committee met many times in the office of the Consumers' Company to investigate the books of that corporation and later held open meetings when officials of the company were examined on the witness stand and other men, who claimed they could throw some light on the question, were asked to tell what they knew. The committee worked conscientiously to probe the question set out in the resolution to the bottom and never before in the history of the present Council has a committee devoted as much time to a question as did the special committee.

INTRODUCED BY MORIARITY.

The resolution was introduced by James Moriarity on Sept. 17, and alleged that it was openly asserted that the Consumers' Gas Trust Company is refusing to make gas connections and to furnish gas to citizens. The articles of association, said the resolution, provide that when the stockholders have been paid the amount of stock, together with 8 per cent. interest, gas shall be furnished at cost. The resolution further said it was openly asserted that the company and interest have been paid so that the company has sufficient money to pay the stock and interest due stockholders. The resolution added that if these assertions are true connections and gas should be furnished to all entitled to it and the price should be reduced to cost.

At one of the early meetings of the committee Councilman Moriarity furnished the committee with a list of what it was desired the committee should investigate. The list included the stock issued by the company, when paid and amount still due stockholders; examination of books of expenditures, receipts showing the various amounts and leases, and the business of company from its organization to date; all funds on hand, in bank or bonded securities; gross earnings, dividends, how paid and what interest paid.

The report of the committee sets out in full all the data asked for in the resolution and shows the allegations made in the resolution were not founded upon facts. The committee met yesterday afternoon and agreed on the final report, which will be unanimous, and to-day an additional paragraph will be added showing the company's bank balance on Jan. 1, which will be shown to be about \$40,000.

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The report to be made by the committee to-night is as follows:

"Your committee, appointed to investigate the charges against the Consumers' Gas Trust Company, set forth in resolution No. 12, Sept. 17, 1930, desires to make the following report:

"Upon our demand the gas company furnished a statement of all transactions from the company's beginning, as follows:

Receipts to Sept. 30, 1930—

Earnings.....\$5,221,333.93
Certificates of indebtedness.....602,000.00
Capital stock.....788,657.10

Indebtedness to Sept. 30, 1930—

Bills payable.....\$17,272.98
Unpaid coupons.....12,559.98
Unpaid dividends.....30,451.19
Taxes.....11,838.65
Leases.....9,625.59

Total receipts and indebtedness.....\$5,673,734.46

Disbursements to Sept. 30, 1930—

Cost of plant.....\$1,456,514.32
Operating expenses.....3,296,027.77
Certificates of indebtedness.....602,000.00
Interest on certificates and bonds.....165,614.61
Dividends paid to stockholders.....494,402.60
Partial payments on stock.....\$6,234,918.34
Total disbursements.....\$11,245,559.67

General account.....\$35,354.37
Dividend account.....10,451.19
Total cash balance on hand Sept. 30, 1930.....\$46,806.56

The earnings consist of \$5,154,432.27 from sale of gas, \$4,230.40 from sale of pipe lines, \$2,590.31 miscellaneous; total, \$5,221,333.93.

The cost of plant to Sept. 30, 1930, consists of following:

Main line.....\$445,565.33
City main line.....78,751.11
Stations.....43,900.22
Gas wells.....6,789.07
Telephone line.....5,070.51
Pumping station No. 2.....29,197.28
Meter account.....1,222.85
Wellback.....5,413.73
Wellback in incandescent lamp account.....23,232.94

Total.....\$1,456,514.32

Operating Expenses—

Gas wells.....\$49,121.15
Extra feed and pipe lines.....78,257.00
Maintenance city lines.....126,624.92
Maintenance field lines.....12,513.97
Wages, secretary's department.....158,165.95
Wages, superintendent's department.....418,254.01
General expense.....112,000.25
Personal injuries.....21,513.85
Tools.....5,711.03
Leases.....49,095.11
Repairs to streets.....15,942.91
Damages to property.....6,912.27
Legal expense.....42,977.72
Light department.....30,121.77
Office expense.....23,171.46
Office furniture.....18.45
Expenses pumping station No. 1.....27,212.00
Expenses pumping station No. 2.....5,258.96
Interest and discount.....41,323.14
Telephone lines.....4,676.21
Depreciation on assets.....12,155.52
Taxes.....103,834.46

Total.....\$3,296,027.77

Following dividends and partial payments on capital stock. Company organized

THE SUPPLY OF GAS

ized Nov. 2, 1887. Dividends paid to stockholders on account of 8 per cent. interest:

Jan. 1, 1893.....\$183,339.55
Jan. 1, 1894.....30,252.15
July 1, 1894.....2,548.25
Jan. 1, 1894.....21,548.28
Jan. 1, 1895.....2,391.52
July 1, 1895.....22,650.71
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Partial payments in reducing capital stock:

July 1, 1894.....\$78,865.71
Jan. 1, 1895.....113,238.57
Jan. 1, 1896.....78,865.71
Jan. 1, 1897.....113,238.57
July 1, 1897.....39,432.58
Jan. 1, 1898.....113,238.57
Jan. 1, 1899.....39,432.58
Jan. 1, 1900.....78,865.71

Total capital stock issued.....\$670,358.54
Total partial payments on capital stock.....670,358.54

Leaving balance of capital stock outstanding.....\$118,298.56

"Careful examination of the accounts and vouchers, together with verification of the bank balances, shows above statement to be correct.

THREE DAYS IN GAS FIELDS.

"To learn what was being done to meet the demands of patrons of this company, your committee, accompanied by State Natural Gas Supervisor J. C. Leach, spent three days in the gas fields and snow of the gas fields, visiting first pumping station No. 1, fields, built in 1896, located in Hamilton county, twenty miles from Indianapolis. The portion of the gas field feeding into this station had originally a pressure of over 300 pounds per square inch and the wells were of large capacity. At this time many of the wells have been exhausted and the best of those still in service show not over seventy pounds pressure and a light flow of gas, so that six large pumping engines, furnished with steam by sixteen boilers, running full capacity, have a very pressure of only thirty-eight pounds and a discharge pressure of 27 pounds, which, with the temperature of the gas, was reduced through use by consumers to six pounds in high pressure lines and one and one-quarter ounces in the low pressure, which are the distributing lines in the city.

"We next visited pumping station No. 3, built in 1899, in Madison county, fifty miles from Indianapolis. Six large pumps, or a total of 2,400 horse-power, which is about 50 per cent. greater capacity than those in station No. 1, are operated, furnished with steam from about 150 wells in the upper Madison, Delaware and Grant county fields at pressure varying from 110 to 140 pounds. The latter being the highest obtainable pressure in the new wells sixty miles from Indianapolis in the best remaining portion of the gas field where the rock pressure a few years ago was over 300 pounds. At this station, fed by three ten-inch lines, carrying a total of 150 million cubic feet of gas per day, the temperature of 45 degrees yields eleven pounds at the city limits station, and one-quarter ounces in low pressure or distributing lines.

"Your committee visited wells to within a mile of the end of pipe line, into Grant county, having Mr. Leach test the wells in our presence. They have drilled sixty-two wells the past season and laid miles of main line.

"The pumping stations and plant generally seem well maintained and in first-class working order.

INFORMATION FURNISHED.

"The directors and officers of the company furnished your committee with all books, information and assistance desired in the examination of the company's affairs and state of gas supply, and your committee, after investigating the supply in the gas field, by the aid of Supervisor Leach, believes that the gas supply shows a heavy falling, and this company has made an extra effort to hold up their supply by a constant drilling of new wells and the securing, at great cost, the most desirable leases in all the gas belt. We cannot find any evidence that they are forcing a foot of gas furnished outside of Indianapolis by this company.

"We beg to further report that the company does not deny that it is refusing to make new service connections, and offers as an excuse that the gas supply is not sufficient to do so. It can possibly serve; that it does not pay its stockholders in full, as charged in the resolution appointing this committee, since there is still the amount of \$118,298.56 due them.

"In conclusion, your committee would report that total value of stock held by entire directors and board of trustees at this time is \$2,738.56, and each one of them sworn under oath that they owned no stock in any other natural gas company, and there are at times stockholders in this company. There are 137 wells feeding gas into No. 1 pumping station, 103 into No. 2 pumping station and six gas driving wells in the field."

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

It Will Be Celebrated Here in Regal-lation Style.

To-day is the Chinese New Year's day. Since before the beginning of the Christian era the Chinese have adopted the practice of dating the year from the accession of the reigning Emperor. An Emperor on ascending to the throne gives a name to the years of his reign, and each succeeding year is named after the second, third, fourth, etc., of that reign. The Chinese New Year's day, therefore, is a sort of historical date, and not quite as arbitrary as ours, which, by the way, was not universally accepted as Jan. 1 until late in the sixteenth century. Like all other nationalities, the Chinese celebrate the first day of their year by some sort of festivities. It will be generally observed by those in this city as elsewhere, the leading Chinaman in Indianapolis, Moy Kee, who keeps a store on Indiana avenue, will send his friends and receive his friends until Tuesday noon. Mr. Moy, whose given name is Kee, is one of the few naturalized Chinamen in the United States, having been in this country more than forty years and being a voter of long standing. Nevertheless, when he speaks of the traditions of his country, and will celebrate the Chinese New Year's day in regalation style.

AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Rev. H. C. Meserve Talks on "Washington and Lincoln."

At Plymouth Church last night the pastor, Rev. H. C. Meserve, gave a stereoscopic lecture on "Two Types of the American Gentleman—Washington and Lincoln." Accompanying this was a series of pictures showing the most interesting events in the lives of these two statesmen. In the introduction to his lecture he said that we like to think of our Nation as something unique and our form of government as also unique.

"We take men who spring from the most humble surroundings and mold them into what is called American citizens. If such men as Washington and Lincoln had been born on European soil they would have passed into the ranks of the nobility and their deeds would have been remembered as only those of the nobles are, but in a republic we are ever grateful and appreciate their years after they have passed from this earth. Washington and Lincoln were not kings, but they reached the highest peak of this land—that of being gentlemen. In the eyes of the American people they are the only two men who have served confined himself to a description of the pictures, except in conclusion, when he read Maurice Thompson's poem, "Lincoln's Grave."

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THREE WEEKS

MATTERS BEFORE THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Some Measures of Importance to the People Will Come Up in the House This Week.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

THAT BODY MAY DECIDE TO HOLD NIGHT SESSIONS.

Measures That Have Been Passed and Others That Will Be Considered—Legislative Affairs.

Beginning with to-day, there are three weeks more of the Legislature. The indications are now that more bills will be introduced this session than were presented last session. Speaker Artman says, if he remembers correctly, the number of bills introduced two years ago in the house was 572. Over five hundred have already been introduced in the House this session and there is nothing to indicate that the members are through sending up measures.

Some important matters are likely to come up in the House this week. The committee on cities and towns will in all probability make a report on Senator Agnew's ship canal bill early in the week. A member of the committee said yesterday that there would probably be two reports on the bill. Friday night several members of the committee on cities and towns with other members of the Legislature went up to Lake county to view the proposed route of the ship canal. The legislators went as the guests of the East Chicago Land Company. E. M. Erskine, a representative of the land company, accompanied the gentlemen. The members of the committee who went were Messrs. Loutitt, Murphy, Slack, and Erditz. Representatives Ciem and Beckman were also in the party. On Saturday the legislators were taken over the route contemplated by the canal projectors. Mr. Erditz left them Saturday afternoon and returned to Indianapolis. It was the intention of the others to go into Chicago, have dinner and attend the theater Saturday night. Mr. Erditz says the East Chicago Land Company arranged a mass meeting for Saturday afternoon at East Chicago which was attended by about two hundred people. Resolutions were passed favoring the Agnew bill. At Whiting Saturday night the town board held a meeting and passed resolutions in reference to the amendments offered to the bill by Attorney A. F. Knotts, of Hammond. The board decided that the resolutions were not satisfactory and the resolutions adopted request Lake county's representatives in the Legislature to vote against the Agnew bill.

WHITING PEOPLE AGAINST IT.

Representative Erditz, who is a member of the committee on cities and towns, resides at Whiting, where the people are against the proposed ship canal. The people of Hammond and the people of East Chicago are also his constituents. "I am in a devil of a pickle over this matter," said Mr. Erditz yesterday evening. He explained that he was trying to satisfy all the people who sent him to the Legislature. The people of Whiting and Hammond are opposed to the ship canal scheme and are urging him to vote against it. The majority of the people of Hammond are against the bill and they also want him to refuse to support the measure. The people of East Chicago want the ship canal and naturally desire Erditz to support the bill. He said yesterday evening that he had up to his ears in the matter and was unable to make up his mind what to do in the case. He has hopes that there may be some further amendments offered which will satisfy the people of Whiting, and in that event he will probably support the bill.

OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS.

Some other important matters are likely to occupy the attention of the House this week. One is the Muncie normal bill, which is in the hands of the House committee on education. This bill was introduced Friday afternoon by Representative Carmichael and is practically the same bill that was introduced in the Senate. It was passed by Mr. Carmichael's report ruled that the Senate bill had been improperly before the Senate and that that body's action on the bill was for naught. It is said that Representative Rescoe, chairman of the committee on education, is hostile to the normal bill, and it is known that he is to be a determined fight on the normal bill and it has been said that the speaker is likely to take the floor and against this and the two other bills that will come up for consideration. One is the bill providing for an epileptic village and the other is the bill making an appropriation to settle the Vincennes University claim. The speaker declines to take the floor on either of these measures, but he says without hesitancy that he believes the lieutenant governor was right in his ruling in the Muncie normal bill. Mr. Artman is opposed to the epileptic village bill because he does not believe such an institution is needed. He is also opposed to the Legislature fixing a location for the village in the event that the bill is passed in this institution of this kind. He thinks this matter should be left to the people.

OPPOSED TO THE CLAIM.

On the question of the Vincennes University claim the speaker says he is opposed to allowing this claim because the State's indebtedness to the university has been settled three different times. He recalls that many years ago the university was granted permission by the Legislature to sue on its claim and was subsequently judgment rendered and paid. Two other Legislatures made appropriations for this claim and the State received on each occasion a receipt for payment in full.

There are several other important matters yet in the hands of House committees. One is the James bill abolishing the present board of managers of the Girls' Industrial School and Woman's Prison, and providing for a new board of managers, with a man and a woman, to be appointed by the committee on reformatory institutions. A member of this committee said last night that he believed the bill would pass this week. It is stated that there will be two reports on the bill. Another important measure still with the committee is the Pritchard bill, giving the Governor authority to appoint the chief oil inspector. This bill will be taken up by the committee and it is said that a favorable report will be made on the measure.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE SENATE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY BUSY DURING THE PAST WEEK, FOR THAT MATTER, DURING THE HOUSE SESSION, THERE HAS BEEN BUT A COMPARATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED BY THAT BODY AND SENT TO THE LOWER HOUSE. THE BIG SAFE IN CHARGE OF THE CLERK IS CRAMMED FULL OF BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN READ EITHER A FIRST OR SECOND TIME, AND AS THERE ARE ONLY TWENTY MORE DAYS OF THE SENATE, EACH BILL IS BEING OPPOSED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, WHO ARE ALREADY BEGUN TO TALK OF NIGHT SESSIONS, WHICH THEY MAINTAIN WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GET THROUGH WITH THE WORK.

During the past week the Senate has passed the Vincennes University bill and the bill creating a State Normal School at Muncie. Each bill was bitterly opposed by the Democrats and a few of the Republicans. The sensational ruling of Lieutenant Governor Gilbert on Saturday, however, when he declared that the latter bill had never been properly before the Senate, virtually killed it, as it will now have to be drafted passed by the House before it can be considered by the Senate, and ac-

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